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PRESS RELEASE

Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that he will be accepting a new position with the Department of Justice in mid November, 2005. As a result, he will at that time be resigning from the position of United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois.

A copy of the press release issued today from the Department of Justice's Office of Public Affairs announcing the changed is attached.